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Athabasca Member Urges Assessment On Crown Lands To Pay For Roads

EDMONTON — Reeve Aloysius Aloisio of the Municipal District of Athabasca who is also Member of the Legislative Assembly has urged an allowance be paid for Crown Lands to help defer building costs of district roads.

Mr. Ayloisio took part in the Debate of the Speech from the Throne and following is the text of his address:

Mr. Speaker:

In rising to take part in this debate, I too, like the rest of the Honorable members who spoke before me, want to congratulate the mover and the seconder of this resolution. I think that they have done a very good job.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Honorable member from Cardson for being elevated to the Cabinet post. It was after the Session of 1952 when I really met the Honorable member. I said really met, Mr. Speaker, because, although you may have casually seen a person, you don't really know him until you have had something to do with him. Right after the Session we were called to a school meeting at Calling Lake. By we, I mean the Chairman of the School Division, Mr. Parr; the then Superintendent ent of Schools, Mr. Merkley; Mr. Hinman as a guest of Mr. Merkley, and myself. We started early in the morning while the ground was still frozen and we had no difficulties in getting there. We had the meeting, we had lunch, and some time in the afternoon started back. By that time the ground had thawed and we had some sweet time getting back to Athabasca. We got stuck in the mud at least a dozen times, each and every one of us was plastered with mud from top to bottom, and the Honorable member from Cardston, with a low pair of oxfords on his feet with the mud swishing in and out of his shoes, pushed harder than any of us. It was his wit, his humorous jokes, and his determination that kept our spirits up and we got back to Athabasca just as happy as when we left in the morning. I knew then that the Honorable member was destined to greater things. I know that he will handle his new duties with that determination that he showed on the road to Calling Lake.

I want to congratulate the former Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honorable E. J. Gerhart, for having been promoted to the important post of Provincial Treasurer, although I feel a bit sorry to see him leave the Department of Municipal Affairs which he so ably managed for so many years. I personally will feel the loss because I had been accustomed to

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A. ALOISIO, M.L.A.

Atmore

William and James Duigou made a business trip to the city last week.

The card party and bingo held in Atmore Community Hall on Feb. 20 was fairly well attended.

Oscar Dakin was hospitalized for a few days, as was Mrs. Jas. Duigou.

Roland Poulin came home to spend the weekend.

Madeleine Genoud spent a few days at home making preparations for her mother's birthday. Mrs. Genoud is now 70 years old.

Miss Pauline Grenier has gone to work in the city.

Iceland has no railway.

RCAF Missile Testing Started At Cold Lake

OTTAWA (BUP). — The RCAF has begun testing guided missiles at its new Cold Lake weapons range. RCAF headquarters said Wednesday.

Defence research board scientists and RCAF technical officers will use the tests to evaluate Canadian-developed missiles for air welfare.

The new 4,600-square mile range of bushland is operated by the central experimental and proving establishment detachment of the RCAF. The original development and testing of the missiles was done at the Canadian armament research and development establishment at Valcartier, Que.

Housewarming For Craigend Couple

A surprise house-warming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kozakevich, a well-known district couple, on Feb. 26 by friends and relatives who gathered at their home.

In the early part of the evening a delicious lunch was served to the guests. After lunch, the couple received a chest of drawers from the crowd.

A thank-you speech was given b Mike Kulyk on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Kozakevich. A donation was gathered by Harry Millinowsky and Mike Kulyk from the crowd for a subscription to the Ukrainian Voice and the Lac la Biche Herald.

Music was supplied by the three Kozekevich brothers, George, Mike and Elie, for those who wished to dance. The couple was wished the "best of luck" in their new house by those present.

LEFT TO RIGHT are: G. M. Clark, Y. Wojtkiw, Gordon MacDonald and Henry Kaiser, V.L.A., winners in the "Save the Soil" campaign. Mr. MacDonald is holding the certificate of merit award.

FOUR VLA MEMBERS WIN AWARDS IN 'SAVE THE SOIL" CAMPAIGN

The 12th Annual Agricultural Short Course which was recently held in the Edmonton Sales Pavilion featured the presentation of awards to winners in the annual "Save the Soil" campaign. The competition is open to all farmers in those municipalities immediately adjacent to Edmonton, a small percentage of which are farmers established under the Veterans Land Act. In the last five years there has always been one or more winners of awards among the veterans group, but this was a banner year, as four received recognition for their efforts.

The "Save the Soil" campaign was instituted eight years ago for the purpose of conserving valuable topsoil. Also combined with this is promotion of planned farming and the resulting increased productivity.

Veterans who have been established on farms through the assistance of the V.L.A. have been encouraged by their administrative officers to enter these competitions. All farmers list their farms in the spring, and they are inspected throughout the year by the local District Agriculturist. A final check is made in the fall, and presentation is made during the Annual Short Course, which is sponsored jointly by the dmonton Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture. The Chamber of Commerce awards prizes to the top three contestants in each of the four municipalities surrounding Edmonton. In addition these municipalities present $25 to the winner of the award in their area.

Veterans receiving the Chamber of Commerce certificates were G. M. Clark, North Edmonton, representing the former M.D. of Sturgeon, and G. L. MacDonald, Stony Plain, from the M.D. of Stony Plain.

The Municipal District of Stony Plain Award went to Henry Kaiser, Duffield, and the M.D. of Morinville Award was presented to Y. Wojtkiw, Morinville.

M.D. Athabasca

MUNICIPALITY MAKES NET GAIN OF NEARLY 500 POPULATION

MEANOOK — In the recent boundary changes, the Municipal District of Athabasca got an additional 546 people, former residents of the Municipal District of Westlock. A strip six miles south of Perryvalle and another narrow strip on the west side has been transferred to Athabasca.

At the same time, a small section in the Newbrook area has been taken in by the new County of Thorhild. But an expected withdrawal of territory in the Charron district has not yet been transferred. This all adds up to a net gain of about 500 population, and corresponding increase in assessment for Athabasca M.D.

As soon as possible new ratepayers are to be sent the municipal paper where they have been added to Athabasca.

Lac La Biche Hi-Lites

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Mitchell have moved to Edmonton.

Katherine Mickolaiychuk is employed at the Royal Cafe as waitress. She has taken Mrs. Mitchell's place.

Joe Strembitsky has bought Ed Hawirko's second-hand store. Mr. Strembitsky's sons-in-law will be managing the business.

The volunteer fire brigade have recently taken inventory of the equipment they have on hand.

CARE GIVEN DISTRICT CHILDREN BY CALGARY RED CROSS HOSPITAL

Within the past four years from 1950 to December 31, 1954, only one child from Lac la Biche and area has been an in-patient at the Alberta Red Cross Crippled Children's hospital. This includes one year in the "old" hospital and three in the new building, the largest orthopedic hospital in Canada.

Built for children whose parents cannot afford the prolonged hospitalization and medical care that orthopedic cases demand, the hospital belongs to the people of Alberta, who contributed greatly to its construction and continue to help maintain it. Polio cases under 16 years of age are admitted under the Government Act, while a few orthopedic cases, that cannot be treated elsewhere, are admitted also on recommendation of the medical staff and hospital Board of Management.

During 1954, the per diem rate at the hospital was approximately $9.50.. Although children's hospitals require more staff than ordinary hospitals, gifts in kind from the many friends of Red Cross in Alberta lessen the costs by a very large measure. Gifts include the coarser vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots and turnips, eggs, bakery goods, tinned goods, dairy products and meats.

Total cost of operating the Alberta Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in 1954 was $379-908.50. Of the current compaign for funds in Alberta, $134,000 will be used to continue this Red Cross hospital work.

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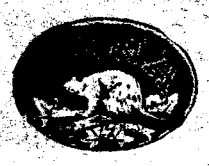

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Grassland

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira McKenzie included Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edmonton of Edmonton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Cyr of Legal. Later in the day the whole party visited Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Hurtubise at Lac la Biche.

Mrs. Bennett returned from hospital on Wednesday but will not be able to teach for two or three weeks.

The Grassland branch of the Canadian Red Cross held another whist drive and bingo in the Community Hall on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corse and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mellott visited the city on Saturday and attended the hockey game at the gardens.

Billy Babcock is back from hospital at Lac la Biche.

Caslan

The nurses from the Health Unit at Athabasca made their monthly visit to the Caslan School last Monday.

Charlie Espback has returned from his job at the mill.

Stanley Cislo is at home for a two-week leave of absence from his job. William Giblak is working on the section while the former is off work.

Peter Krawchuk was a recent visitor in Edmonton.

Charron

Roland Gautneir spent a few days in Avenir, working in the bush.

Douis and Stanley Ilnicki were in the city recently.

Mrs. John Bourassa of Gourin was in Charron selling clothes. She is an agent for a clothing firm.

George Shapka has finished another year of logging in the bush.

A school meeting was held to elect new trustees. Nick Shapka was elected secretary and Jesse Fischer and Louis Ilnicki trustees.

Breynat

Bill Kokalylo's $5,000 unit burned to the ground recently. This saw mill is located about 15 miles west of Breynat post office. The mill was closed down for about eight days, but it is now operating with a new unit.

A silver wedding anniversary was held for Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Franchuk at the Wandering River Hall on Feb. 26. They were presented with a silverware set. Their children, Mike, Alva and Orvel, presented them with two lovely lamps. A large crowd attended from Smoky Lake and Wandering River.

The Public Health Nurse is very busy these days with the 'flu epidemic. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parenteau are the parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Plamondon are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born March 3 at the Lac la Biche Hospital.

To Keep Records Alberta Drivers

EDMONTON — Highways Minister Taylor announced Tuesday night the Alberta government will set up an individual file system for every licenced driver in the province in order to find out "who will retain the privilege to drive."

He told a night sitting of the legislature that the system will enable the government to find drivers who cause accidents or are accident-prone.

Mr. Taylor said the individual file will contain a record of accidents, traffic law violations and complaints made by police. Drivers' licence suspensions will be made on the basis of the file.

An appeal board will be established.

The government will set up a clinic for drivers who have had their licence suspended. It is hoped driving ability will be improved by the clinic.

Mr. Taylor said the proposed system will be in operation by Sept. 1.

Venice

The Venice school children had two days' holidays last week, as their teacher, Mrs. W. Huppie, was ill.

L. Gingras of Edmonton was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gingras.

Thomas and Adonia Gingras are cutting ties at Wandering River for O. Pevin.

Joe Bonifacio and family from Edmonton were week-end visitors here.

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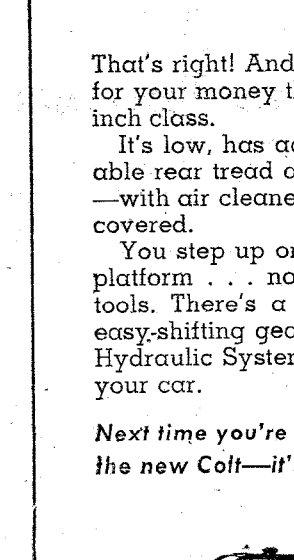

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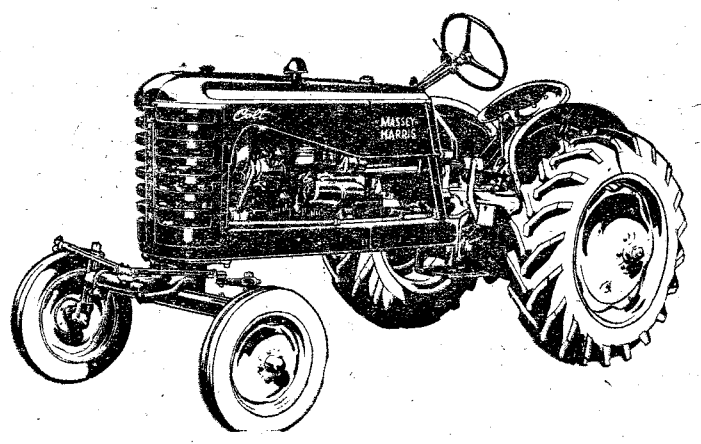

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BANK REPORTS ON FUTURE OF CANADA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER

MONTREAL, Feb. 25 — Despite many obstacles to be overcome, Canada's northland may well hold greater rewards than any other area on the North American continent. This is the view expressed by the Bank of Montreal in the February issue of its Business Review just published.

Under the title, "Frontier to the North," the bank devotes this month's business review to the study of the potentialities of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, "the largest untapped frontier remaining in the North American continent." Holding possibilities that "excite the imagination," the little-known region north of the 60th parallel is "long on promise but short on development." The bank points this up in a special supplment to the review containing tables showing production and population figures over a number of years.

The review points out that the territories, containing 40 per cent of the total land and fresh water area of Canada, produces less than one half of one per cent of the value of the nation's total production. One of the most sparsely populated areas in the world, the territories at the time of the 1951 census contained only 25,100 people.

The reverse side of the supplement carries a highly informative map of the region showing land, air and water routes, locations of important mineral discoveries and potential sources of hydro-electric power.

Almost Every Known Mineral

The northland, the review states, shows signs of containing almost every mineral known to man. The Mackenzie valley, north of the prairie provinces, is believed to held important oil and gas formations, while, on Great Slave Lake, the largest body of lead and zinc in North America has been outlined. The territories are also known to contain valuable deposits of uranium, nickel, copper and many other important base metals.

"There is little doubt," the B of M continues, "that rich mineral deposits are still to be found beyond the 60th parallel, for the Precambrian shield and the Western Cordillera have proven to be the two great metal-bearing regions of North America."

The review points out that, while only a few small patches of the north have been investigated with any degree of thoroughness, the federal government is taking steps to correct this situation. During the summer months, aerial surveys are being made and geological parties are sent out to survey likely areas. One large-scale helicopter survey in 1952 disclosed a greenstone belt "highly favorable to mineral occurrences, extending over an area of 7,700 square miles."

Obstacles To Development

Turning to the problems of extracting and processing the north's rich natural resources, the B of M acknowledges that transportation and climate are formidable barriers to be overcome.

The review emphasized that transportaiton is costly, whether it be by land, water or air. "The expenses incurred in bringing labor,supplies and equipment into the north and shipping products out, and the costs of heating and supplying amenities for workers and their families, are factors which weigh heavily against profitable production."

The climate, though rigorous, is by no means prohibitive, the B of M states. Above the tree-line, summer temperatures seldom exceed 15 degrees above freezing, while winter occasionally brings 60-below-zero weather.

In view of the north's transportation difficulties and climate, the review concludes, a mineral deposit to be developed must be particularly valuable and easy to extract and refine. But such deposits have been found and more will undoubtedly be discovered as the long-term growth of demand for metals grows and stimulates the search. Despite the many problems involved, the Canadian north "may well hold greater rewards for intensive investigation than any other area."

Egg Lake

Mrs. George Burlack of Grassland spent a few days with her two children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pare, while her husband was very ill in Lac la Biche Hospital. He has recovered and they are now home.

The roads here are badly drifted in some places and need the snow plow to clear them.

Plow Up Iron Ore

BIRMINGHAM, Alta.—Farmers in south Alabama are plowing up acceptable iron ore by the ton and are shipping it to North Alabama steel mills. More than 1,050 carloads of iron ore have been shipped from pastures and cotton fields since January. About five loads of unwashed ore will produce one load of ore ranging from 50 to 56 per cent metallic iron, it is said.

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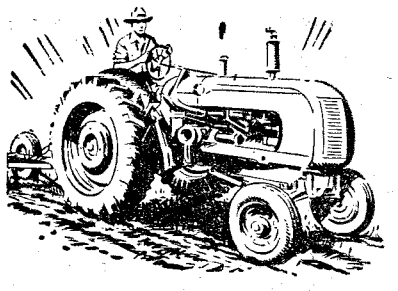
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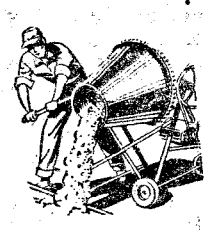
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN ALBERTA

Alberta's first four-lane super highway is now under construction. Located between Crossfield and Bowden, this 29-mile stretch will consist of four 12-foot lanes, two asphalt - bound shoulders and a 20-foot centre strip dividing the two flows of traffic. The new highway will rank with the finest ever built in Canada.

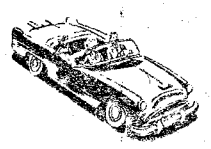
All main highways in Alberta are being built on a four-year schedule. The first year solves the problems of location, purchase of right-of-way, design and the building of the sub-grade. Drainage is of major importance and this is given close attention when actual construction is begun.

Highways must be built from the bottom up, and so clays going into the sub-grade must be carefully selected. Continual tests are run in the field laboratory to check the stability of this basic material.



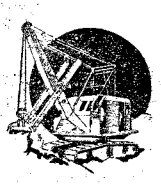
At is takes shape, the sub-grade is wetted down and compacted with sheepsfoot packers and heavy rollers. Ditches, shoulders and grade are fine graded, and first course surface gravel, again carefully selected, is applied. The new highway is then put into use over winter.

The second year of the schedule calls for repairing any failures that might have been caused by frost action or traffic. After this, a stabilized base course of screened gravel is spread to a depth of five or more inches. Two more layers of crushed gravel come next, each heavily compacted, the latter consisting of asphalt-bound crushed rock, bring the total thickness of the base course to nine inches or more.



At the beginning of the third year, any further weaknesses are corrected and a coat of asphalt is applied. After this comes the hot plant mix of asphalt and sand. A ribbon of the mix, three to four inches in thickness, hot to touch and smooth as a table, is rolled into place at the rate of one to two miles per day. A few hours after the new surface has been laid, it is ready for traffic.

The fourth year of the schedule followed in Alberta brings the application of the seal coat. This consists of a light layer of asphalt and rock chips rolled into the surface to give it greater durability and traction. When lanes are marked and additional guide posts and markers erected, the new highway is completed. Alberta now has more than 1,500 miles of hard surfaced highways, approximately 20,000 miles of gravelled main and secondary highways and district roads, and more than 30,000 miles of graded roads which are still to be gravelled. Engineering skill and knowledge behind the construction and maintenance of this vast system are the most expert obtainable. Safety and endurance are built into every mile of road, and the search for better methods never ends.



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The Trans-Canada Pipe Line

Promoters of the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, the company which proposes to build a pipe line to transport gas from Alberta to cities in Ontario and Quebec, say start on the line will be delayed for one year. They blame the Federal Government for this, because they asked Mr. St. Laurent and his cabinet to back their bonds in order to help them finance the project, and were unsuccessful.

At least, they were unsuccessful in getting the government to accept their terms, and the attempt failed when they were not willing to let the people of Canada, as a whole, share in the project.

Any big business that goes to the government, hat in hand, for financial assistance should be willing to let the government take a share in that business. If we are to believe the old maxim, that government should take part in business only when private enterprise is unable to do so, then this is one case where the Canadian people would be justified in stepping in and taking over.

The Trans-Canada Pipe Lines is very anxious to build the line themselves—make all the profits that are to be made, and just have the government guarantee the losses. Whey they appeared before the Senate Committee last session asking for incorporation, they stated definitely that they were able to finance the project themselves. Now, if they want the government to do it, they should be willing to let the government take an interest in it.

The building of this line will no doubt give employment to a great many people,and that, of course, would benefit Canada in general. However, that is not a good enough reason for the government to guarantee the bonds.

There may be some method whereby the government could gve encouragement to the project, but we feel that they should not go so far as to guarantee the bonds.

Support The Red Cross

Once again the Red Cross has launched its drive for financial support. Of all public service organizations seeking support of the people the Red Cross has probably the greatest appeal. Its work goes on from day to day, from week to week, throughout the year. A great deal of that work is contributed and thousands of women in every part of the province do their share gratuitiously to aid this worthy movement.

The Red Cross movement has earned and deserves widespread financial support.

Agriculture In North

The farthest north agricultural research centre in Alberta is the experimental substation at Fort Vermilion. During the pas five years, agriculture in this area has expanded at the rate of 10,000 acres a year The station is now serving a population o 400 to 500 farmers.

Fifty thousand acres of flax were grown in the Fort Vermilion area last year and around 2,000 acres of alfalfa seed crop, reported Mr. Lowe, officer-in-charge of the station. Around 30,000 acres of wheat, oats and barley were sown, each in about the same proportion. With only three inches of rain during the past growing season, crops were lighter than usual. In spite of this, alfalfa seed averaged 200 lbs. to the acre, flax 8 bushels, wheat 12 bushels, oats 34 bushels, and barley 21 bushels. Normal precipitation for the area is 6 or 7 inches from May to the end of August, and about 12 inches for the year.

Although rainfall is light, good crops are normally produced. Evaporation is low, the sandy loam soil with its shallow clay underlayer takes advantage of all moisture that falls, and spring run-off is practically nil Snow water disappears slowly into the ground and crops make excellent use of the moisture thus provided. Snow covers the ground from the end of October to the middle of April, but during the long, warm summer days growth is rapid and crops mature early.

Historic Milestones In Science

By T. W. PUE

Everyone knows that any invention worthy of the name was discovered and perfected by a Russian. At least that's what the Communist propagandists tell their people.

T. W. PUE

That is why I was personally so surprised to see a list of invent on with the names of the inventors — the 50 most important scientific milestones since the Dawn of History—and to see that there were actually some non-Russ an names in the list.

Interested in learning more about these 50 important dates n the history of science? Well, here they are:

PRE-HISTORY

Discovery of fire-making . . . of the wheel . . . of plowing and seed-planting.

B.C.

3000—Bronze Age begins in west Asia.
2800—Sumer ans (Asia Minor) develop writing.
1500—Iron Age begins.
600-500—Greek thinkers (Thales, Anaximander, Pythagoras, et al.) make crude beginnings on astronomy.
450—Empedocles (Greek) thinks up germ of atomic theory.
340—Aristotle, listing and describing all animals known in Greece, begins science of biology.
300—Euclid (Greek) develops first system of geometry.
250—Archimedes of Syracuse (Sicily) makes first use of lever principle

A.D.

900—Height of Maya Indian stone-city civilization, Guatemala and Mexico.
1250-1500—Revival of learning and scientific inquiry (Renaissance) in Europe—sparked by, among many others, Petrarch, Giotto, De Medici family, St. Thomas Aquinas, Leonardo da Vinci.
1295—Marco Polo returns to Italy after 20 years in Cathay (China).
1300—Gunpowder invented in China.
1450—Johann Gutenberg invents movable printing types.
1522—Ferdinand Magellan expedition completes first sea voyage around the world (Magellan killed n Philippines).
1608—Telescope invented in Holland by Hans Lippershey.
1709—Bartolommeo di Cristofor's piano.
1752—Benjamin Franklin's lightning rod.
1769—James Watt's piston steam engine (Scotland).
1793—Eli Whitney's cotton gin (U.S.A.).
1800—Alessandro Volta's electric battery pile.
1807—Robert Fulton's steamboat (U.S.A.).
1827—John Walkers friction match (Britain).
1829—George Stephenson's locomotive (Britain).
1832—S. F. B. Morse's magnetic telegraph (U.S.A.).
1834—Cyrus H. McCormick's reaper (U.S.A.).
1835—Samuel Colt's revolver (U.S.A.).
1837—L. J. M. Daguerre's photographic process (France).
1842—First use of ether as anesthetic by Dr. C. W. Long (U.S.A.).
1846—Elias Howe's sewing machine (U.S.A.).
1861—Richard J. Gatling's machine gun
U.S.A.).
1868—Typewriter invented by C. L. Sholes, Carlos Glidden, S. W. Soule (U.S.A.).
1876—Alexander Graham Bell's telephone (U.S.A.).
1877—Thomas A. Edison's phonograph.
1878—Edison's incandescent electric light.
1885—Ottmar Mergenthaler's linotype (U.S.A.).
1887—Edison's motion picture machine.
1891—John P. Holland's submarine (U.S.A.).
1892—C. E. Duryea drives first successful gasoline automobile (U.S.A.).
1895—Wilhelm K. Roentgen's X-ray (German).
1896—Guglielmo Marconi's first radio message (Italy).
1898—Radium discovered by Pierre and Marie Curie (France).
1905—Albert Einstein publishes theory of relativity.
1909—Robert E. Peary (U.S.) reaches North Pole.
1911—Roald Amundsen (Norwegian) reaches South Pole.
1919—John Alcock and J. W. Brown fly nonstop Newfoundland to Ireland. Charles A. Lindbergh non-stop New York to Paris 1927).
1922—Isulin discovered by Drs. F. G. Banting, C. H. Best, J. J. R. Macleod (Canada).
1929—Penicillin discovered by Alexander Fleming (Britain).
1945—U.S. explodes first atom bomb.
1952—U.S. fires first hydrogen bomb.

The Bible Today

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.
Luke 16:15.

Another Seriousism

Voice Of The People

Readers are invited to make free expression of opinion on any subject. Letters should be short and concise. The Editor reserves the right to condense or reject any letter.

GAMBLING PARADOX

What kind of a stupid law is it that says you can go out to some open grassland where there is a race track and bet your fool head off if you wish—but you're a criminal if you bet on the same horses in the comfort of your home? If these naive, sanctimonious politicians honestly want to stop gambling on horses altogether, then why not bar people from the grasslands, too?

JOHN STEWART

TWO VIEWS

Suggestions to make the Queen Mother Governor General of Canada are plain silly. Let a man fill the job, preferably a Canadian. I say, too, God bless our Premier, Mr. St. Laurent, for the stand he's taken against divorce. Easy divorce, which is contrary to God's word, will rot any nation. The home is the bulwark of a nation, and when that is broken up, decay sets in.

B. W.

TO COYOTE LOVER

We read the article entitled "Coyotes Champion" by so-called "Riled" of Onoway.

We had a good laugh at your colossal ignorance, and then I got riled at your colossal nerve.

We in this district depend, largely, upon our output of stock and poultry for the maintainance of our families and ourselves, and do not feel called upon to contribute to the upkeep of wild, predatory thieves.

So we don't like coyotes, and in the last two or three years "Wilson" has garnered about 40 coyote pelts and made use of them in various ways around his home, and has been smart enough to protect his sheep, lambs, pigs and chickens, as well as my poultry, to keep us from the starvation you fear for your "dear" coyotes.

Wilson has been farming in this district since 1910, and his so-called stiff legs have covered every inch of this coyote-infested district in all weathers.

You must have a lot in common with your dear coyot s—we know at least you are bold and syl. else why the attack on something that's evidently as foreign to your bone head as the fact that stands out when the you can't sign your name

BILLIE WILSON'S "MOM."
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SCIENCE IN YOUR LIFE

The Living Test Tube

Accidents sometimes play a curious role in the history of science. The fleck of mold that settled by chance on Sir Alexander Fleming's germ culture and opened the door to the discovery of penicillin is one of the best-known cases.

A little more than 100 years earlier another accident led to a revolution in the knowledge of digestion. In 1822, a young French-Canadian, Alexis St. Martin, was accidentally shot in the chest on Mackinac Island. A U. S. Army physician named William Beaumont was called to treat the wound in the stomach, torn open by close-range firing. Beaumont worked hard but failed to close the wound. Nevertheless, he was able to apply bandages in such a way that the stomach could still do its normal work.

A year later the boy needed a cathartic, and Beaumont gave it to him through the hole in the stomach. It worked as well as if it had been given by mouth! With great daring Beaumont then decided to launch a series of experiments that won him honors as one of medicine's greatest researchers.

Out of St. Martin's open wound he made a living test tube. He dangled small bits of food on string into the hole and hours later withdrew from the stomach what was left, carefully noting what he saw.

In seven years Beaumont executed 238 experiments on an often rebellious subject. He proved man's digestive process was purely chemical and that emotional disturbances could affect digestion or even stop it.

St. Martin lived long after Beaumont died, earning his living from medical schools.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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ALL WELCOME AT "CO-OP" FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN BOYLE DISTRICT

Pat Ryan, Northern representative, Alberta Co-operative Union, who has just recently given talks, and projected Co-operative films in the Athabasca district, has been invited by the Board of Directors of the Boyle Co-operative Association to put on a series of Co-op rallies around Boyle from March 24 to March 21.

These Co-operative social evenings that Mr. M. Ryan convenes are said to be exciting, as well as educational. First, Mr. Ryan shows films for about an hour and a half; these films are both of general interest as well as co-operative and an Abbott and Costello film, then Mr. Ryan gives a talk. After his talk, a question period is encouraged, then hot coffee is served.

In many instances ,these evenings have been rounded out with a lunch. The women of the district are invited to bring a few sandwiches, cookies and cake. And, if there are facilities for dancing, Mr. Ryan supplies the music with a record turn-table.

In the Boyle district the meetings will be held at Grassland on Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Hall; at Frains Community Hall on Friday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m.; at Willow Flat Hall on Monday, March 28, at 8:00 p.m.; Flat Lake Hall, Tuesday, March 29, at 8:00 p.m., and in the Boyle Theatre at Boyle on Thursday, March 31, at 8:00 p.m.

Everybody is welcome . . . and it is free.

New Turkey Markets

Over 5½ million pounds of eviscerated turkey were imported from the United States into Canada last year. If Alberta producers hope to maintain a market for their produce they must meet this competition with a similar product.

Good progress was made last year on converting the industry to an eviscerated or ready-to-cook basis of marketing, says Robert H. McMillan, Alberta's Poultry Commissioner, but the job is by no means finished. The eviscerating plant capacity in the province was almost doubled in 1954 and earlier marketing considerably increased. 1,101,000 lbs. of turkey were eviscerated. This represents 17% of the total crop and an increase of 330% over the volume of turkey eviscerated in 1953.

To adequately meet this outside competition evisceration must be increased even more, Mr. McMillan advises. This means a change in feeding and management such that turkeys can be finished and maketed more uniformly over a 3 or 4 month period starting in September. Ample time is then allowed for processing and freezing.

Mr. McMillan urges poultry producers to take the necessary steps in their production program to ensure early marketing

Noral

Wilfred Woychuk of the Royal Canadian Navy is home from Cornwallis for two weeks' leave.

A small crowd attended the dance at Noral on Friday. The next dance will be on April 22.

Miss Dorothy Walter motored to Vermilion last week-end to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Hylo

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pohranychny's house burned down on March 11. The cause of the fire is unknown. A collection was taken by O. Waschuk to which the residents of the community contributed, and a dance was held on March 17 to aid the family.

Albert Stratichuk, who is attending the Alberta College in Edmonton, visited his parents for the week-end.

The HSA held its monthly meeting on March 10. Films were shown after the meeting.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Piven returned home after spending three years in the Aberhart Memorial Sanitorium in Edmonton.

Miss Fay Iwaniuk returned from Edmonton after taking medical treatments.

Mrs. Pete Warren went to McMurray to visit her sister for three weeks.

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Athabasca Member Urges Assessment . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

refer my troubles to him, and I want to say right now that I found sympathetic ears at all times.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I hope you have noticed that I mentioned muddy roads in my constituency. That is the sore spot in so far as my constituents are concerned. We must have more help in the road building program for one more year like last year, and we could well have chaotic conditions. There wasn't a road in the municipal district of Athabasca that we didn't have to go over and do some extensive repair work. We have approximately 33 school buses running for the Athabasca School Division and I dread to think what will happen if we have another wet season.

I am going to make a suggestion to the Assembly. Out of a total acreage of 1,089,00 acres in the Municipal District of Athabasca, 50,000 acres is Crown property. I do hope that the Honorable members realize the problem that confronts the Municipal Council. In many places they have to build 3 and 4 miles of road through land owned by the Provincial Government before they can get to another settlement. Now I am going to suggest we assess all the Crown land at an average assesment of the district in which the land is located, not for taxation purposes, but it should be taken into consideration when the road and Municipal assistance grants are considered.

I hope that the two Honorable Ministers concerned will take this into consideration when allocating the grants this year. Perhaps that is what is in mind in the reference in the Speech from the Throne; that more money will be appropriated for municipal grants on the basis of need, and perhaps I should have waited awhile before saying anything, but the plight of my people is so great that I thought that I should bring it to the attention of the Honorable Members now.

I want again to plead with the Honorable Minister of Highways to continue the black top from Clyde to Athabasca. Let it not be said that the people of Athabasca are less deserving than the rest of the people of the Province. Since we have so many other poor roads let us at least have the same facilities when it comes to Provincial Highways.

I have repeatedly mentioned the need of a Provincial Building in Athabasca to house District Agriculturist, Game Guardian, Fisheries Inspector, Forestry Officers, Magistrate's Office and School Superintendents Office. We have an old building there now that is trying to serve the purpose, but believe me, Mr. Speaker, it is far from satisfactory. The ceiling in the office of the Police Magistrate is of V joint and it is all out of shape, one up and one down, making a ridiculous figure up there.

Mr. Speaker, it is customary to do a little bragging about one's constituency and, perhaps, I should do my share of it. It is true that our land is not as valuable as the land in some of the other constituencies but, with proper farming practice, such as rotation of grain, clover and fertilizer, our land can be made as productive as some of the better land in other districts. In fact I have got it from good authority that if you take into consideration the grain, the livestock, the livestock products, such as cream and eggs, grass and legume seed, it may produce even more than some of the better land. I am sorry to note that although the price of farm goods is declining every year the price of farm commodities goes up every year, and fertilizer is one of them.

Fertilizer is so vital to the farmers of my constituency, and now it has got to the price where very few can afford to buy it and, therefore, very few use it and it is too bad because they can't do without it.

I believe in letting everybody get a proper share of the good of this world, but if we need Royal Commissions for anything, then we need one to investigate the disparity between the price of the stuff that the farmer buys and the stuff that he sells.

And now, Mr. Speaker, having pointed out the needs of my constituency, I want to say a word about hospitalization. Five years ago we decided that we stood in need of a new hospital building, but before anything could be done, we had to get the approval of the ratepayers in order to float debenture to borrow the money. Now the people of Athabasca are just as careful as the rest of the people in the Province, and before embarking on anything new they wanted to know hat it was going to cost them. The job of informing them fell on the officials of the hospital board and on the officials of the municipal district. Being a member of the hospital board and the Reeve of the municipal district, I and the chairman of the hospital board, Mr. Armfelt, had meetings all over the district and the information that we passed on after a very careful study, was that it would cost 11 mills to run the hospital and make repayment on the debentures. At the plebiscite that was held the people gave their o.k. and we built one of the nicest hospitals in the Province.

Most of you Honorable Members have seen it on your way to the Peace River tour. Aside from that we bought well over $20,000 of new equipment. The bank balance has risen from $17,000 last year to $28,000 this year and the mill rate has dropped from 8 mills in 1950 to 6 mills in 1955, and it could have easily been set at 5 mills had we not planned on building an addition to the nurses home. And it isn't because of a big increase in the assessment nor because of a cut in the service to the people, for we have one of the best hospital schemes in the province. The patient pays $1.60 per day and we, the board, pay everything else including the difference from our own public ward rate and the public ward rate in Edmonton or wherever the patient happens to be referred to. This has been made possible because of the increased grant we got from the Government.

And now Mr. Speaker, I noticed in the Speech from the Throne that more grants will be forthcoming for hospitals and also a medical scheme is to be considered. Regardless of what the Honorable Members on the other side of the house think about it, and regardless of the modesty of the Honorable Minister of Health when the other day he passed the credit to the Honorable Member of this House for all the advancement that has taken place, let's give credit where credit is due. The initiative came from the Honorable Minister himself and nothing said or done will cause me or my constituents to think otherwise.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a word about Provincial municipal relations, a subject which the Honorable Leader of the opposition mentioned in his speech. In my opinion the relations between Province and municipality are very cordial and nothing that a Royal Commission could do would make it any better. We have had the Judge Commission on municipal-provincial relations and his recommendations are pretty well carried out by the Government. In his juggling of figures the Honorable Member told us that when the Provincial and Municipal debt is combined we are 30 million worse off today then we were in 1935. He forget to say that well over 50 per cent or $88,000,000 of the municipal debt is owed to the Provincial Government and therefor to the people of Alberta, and when you take $88,000,000 from the debt of the municipality and add it to the credit of the province, you will realize that we are $43,000,000 better off today than we were in 1935. Add to that the facilities that the municipalities have acquired and you will see that we are much better off now than we were in 1935.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I have already said that we stand in need of more help in our road building program. And I hope the Honorable members will help me in getting more assistance.

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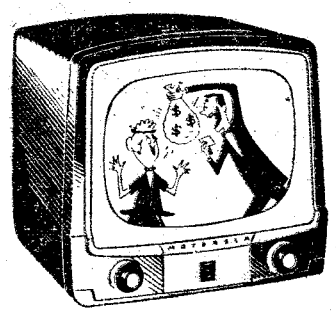

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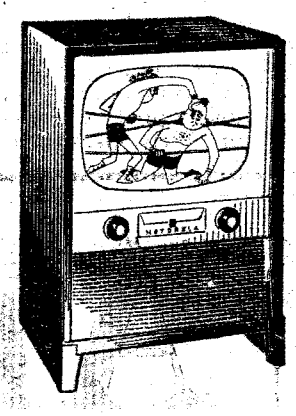

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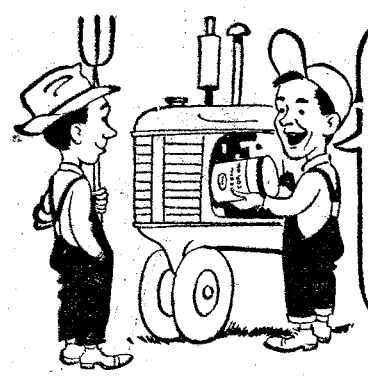

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WI Holds Question And Answer Session

The regular meeting of the Lac la Biche WI was held at the home of Mrs. Mastaler on March 15, with 26 members present. After the usual opening procedure the roll call was answered by each member turning in an article for the St. Patrick's Day sale. Many beautiful and useful articles were donated.

The WI bingo in aid of the hospital will be held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of April 14.

Correspondence was read and reports received. The library convenor announced that there are now 266 library members, and complimented the volunteers, who staff the library for their regular attendance at work.

Mrs. Woynarowich will replace Mrs. Patterson as hospital convenor. Her telephone number is 31, and members are asked to notify her when they hear of one of the members being in the hospital.

Mrs. Kelly read an interesting and informative report on gardening.

Mrs. Strong, district convenor, was present at the meeting. She spoke briefly and then became the target of a question and answer session, and clarified a great many points which had been causing some confusion. Among questions answered were those of membership standing and AWI fund. A person is not a member of the WI unless dues have been paid for the present year, and to be a member in good standing one must attend at least four meetings a year.

The AWI fund is a fund from which, among other items, the fees for delegates are paid to conferences and conventions.

Mrs. Woynarowich read a report on the conference of the Canadian Cancer Society, which she attended as a delegate. She spoke of the work being done in treatment, research and diagnosis, for which the government is responsible, and those which the patient must pay.

Entertainment consisted of a word game won by Mrs. Tkachuk and Mrs. Hamar, and a sing-song of Irish tunes for which Mrs. Mastaler played the accompaniment on the guitar.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Mastaler and Mrs. Coast.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. Badry, April 19.

Lac La Biche

Mr. and Mrs. Stubberfield have as their guest their brother-in-law, J. R. Glennie of Sedgewick, who is enroute to Margie, Mile 168, to visit his sister.

Births recorded recently were: on March 13, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dytuik of Grassland; March 16, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cadieux of Lac la Biche, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stefanyk, Lac la Biche, a daughter; Mrs. Philomena Blood of Beaver Lake, a daughter.

Mrs. M. Dane and son have returned home after spending a week in Edmonton.

Mrs. Charles Calvert of Grande Centre spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Kibbe and sister, Mrs. A. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Brimsmead are taking a month's holiday at Sacramento, Calif. Mrs J. Chester, Sr., is relieving Mr. Brimsmead at the doctor's office.

Mrs. Nels Laidle and son, Jackie, of Waterways, recently spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Chisholm.

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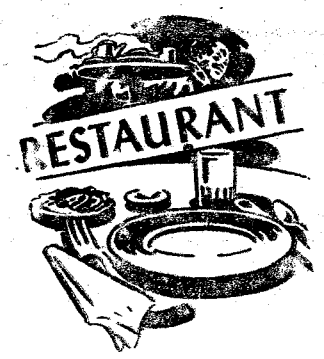

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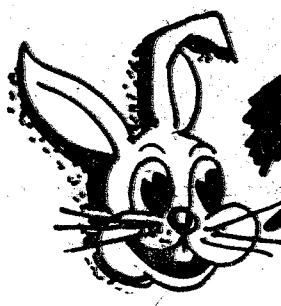
All those interested are urged to attend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